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I, Jeffrey Y. Honda, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury:

1. The following is true and accurate, and that this declaration is based on my own personal knowledge and on information and belief.
2. I make this Declaration in support of Applicant Robert Neumann's Application for Letters Patent entitled CAPSICUM BASED PESTICIDE AND METHOD OF USE.
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4. A true and accurate copy of my current Curriculum Vitae is attached hereto. I hold a Ph.D. degree in the field of Entomology and have over ten years of professional experience. I have taught and done research at numerous nationally and internationally accredited institutions of higher learning. I have received recognition for my academic achievements both here in the United States as well as internationally.
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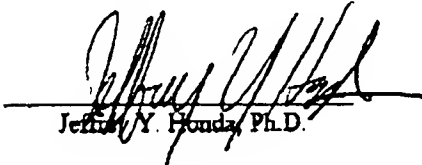
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